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Texas Department of Public Safety
Fort Fisher
Box 6167
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Dear Sergeant Prince:

Henry Lucas Report

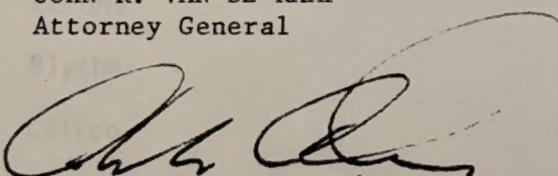
Attached is a copy of our report developed following the Henry Lucas Tour. We greatly appreciated the help you provided to us. It is always a pleasure to work with professional law enforcement officials such as yourself.

I hope this report is of some benefit, and I look forward to working with you again in the future.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP
Attorney General



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SYNOPSIS:

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DETAILED CASE REPORT

Name Henry Lee LUCAS
(Defendant or person investigated)

Date of Report: September 10, 1984
(Arrest or investigation)

BUREAU OF ORGANIZED CRIME AND CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE

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SUBJECT: Henry Lee LUCAS

DOB: 08/23/36

PHY: WM, 5'9, 150, brown hair, brown eyes. Left eye is glass.

CII: None. Texas DPS#: 3,214,188.

DL#: Texas 11076084

FBI: 661111B

SSN: 230-40-9210

SYNOPSIS:

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DETAILS

Identification of Persons

For full identification of persons named in this report, see section marked PERSONS/AGENCIES, at end of report.

Introduction

Henry Lee LUCAS is a confessed multiple murderer in the custody of Williamson County, Texas. He has been convicted of murder in Texas and is under a sentence of death.

Lucas was arrested in Texas in June 1983 and confessed to murders all over the United States, including several in California, between 1975 and 1983. He gave details of many crimes to Texas Ranger Phil RYAN, who relayed information about California cases to Homicide Analyst Fred SHIRASAGO. Lucas sometimes had a crime partner, Ottis Ellwood TOOLE, who is in prison in Florida. Toole has been sentenced to death there for an arson-murder. Lucas and Toole first met in either 1976 or 1979, and traveled together until 1982. They were transients who traveled in old cars they bought, in stolen cars, or by hitchhiking. They obtained money by armed robberies and burglaries, and stole from their murder victims. From 1979 on, they were often accompanied by Toole's niece and nephew, Freda (Becky) and Frank POWELL, who were about 11 and 10 years old in 1979. Becky became Lucas's mistress and was 15 years old when he killed her in Texas in 1983.

Lucas had an associate in Hemet named Jack SMART. Lucas and Becky stayed with Smart for a while. Lucas killed Smart's mother-in-law who lived in Texas.

(For more information about Lucas as learned by this Department, see section headed BACKGROUND.)

Lucas has not been transferred to the Texas state prison system. He is cooperating with the Texas Rangers and Williamson County Sheriff Jim BOUTWELL, together with various state and local law enforcement officers to clear up unsolved homicides all over the United States.

Multijurisdictional meetings on the Lucas/Toole case included one held by the Homicide Unit of the Bureau of Organized Crime and Criminal Intelligence (BOCCI), California Department of Justice (DOJ), in December 1983. That meeting was planned and coordinated by homicide analysts Fred Shirasago and Dianne YEN, and moderated by the reporting agent.

In 1984, arrangements were made for Henry Lucas to tour California for the purpose of identifying some of his crime scenes and corroborating his confessions. Sheriff Boutwell agreed to allow his prisoner to tour California while still in his custody and/or in the custody of the Texas Rangers. An agreement was worked out by the California Attorney General's Office, to be entered into by the governors of California and Texas. Among those who participated in the negotiations and arrangements for the tour for

the California Department of Justice were Assistant Director G. W. Clemons, Division of Law Enforcement, head of the Investigation and Enforcement Branch; Charles (Pat) Casey, Chief, Bureau of Organized Crime and Criminal Intelligence (BOCCI); J. Robert Jibson, Deputy Attorney General, and David Peters, Supervisor, Homicide/Threat Unit, BOCCI.

Certain cases were selected for presentation to Lucas on his California tour. Selections were made based on the following:

1. Lucas had mentioned a crime in a specific California location in his earlier interviews with Texas Ranger Phil Ryan.
2. California officers had interviewed Lucas and/or Toole and obtained information indicating knowledge of specific crimes.
3. An unsolved homicide showed certain modus operandi (MO) characteristics typical of Lucas and Toole, in combination with some other item of information.
4. An unsolved homicide had some characteristics that had been mentioned by Lucas.

Some of the selections were made at a meeting of Southern California homicide investigators, conducted by the Department of Justice's Homicide Unit, and held at Ontario, California on June 21, 1984. Other selections were made after consulting with local officers.

A "dry run" was made of the southern half of the state to check on the time requirements for covering the areas to be included in the tour.

On Sunday, August 19, 1984, Lucas was flown to El Centro, California from Texas by the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department for the Department of Justice. With him were Sheriff Jim Boutwell, Williamson County, Texas; Texas Ranger Sergeant Bob PRINCE; Special Agent (Field Supervisor) Charles McLAUGHLIN; and Special Agent John MEISNER.

The tour began at El Centro on August 19, 1984, and ended in Sacramento on August 29, 1984. Sheriff Boutwell and Sergeant Prince remained with Lucas throughout the tour, as did Agents McLaughlin, Meisner, Opferman, and Homicide Specialist Shirasago. Special Agent (Field Supervisor) Eric SCHALANSKY recorded significant activities on video tape. Special Agent (Field Supervisor) Doug HANSKAT coordinated the jail and lodging arrangements. Additional security was provided by Special Agent (Field Supervisor) David FOSTER and Special Agents G.S. MOSELEY, Ed NOREIGA, and Dick TRIMBLE. The operation commander was Special Agent In Charge John SMOOT.

DAY 10, Thursday, 8/30/84
Return to Texas

Sacramento Executive Airport
Return flight.

A total of at least 15 cities were visited. Twenty of those were places where bodies had been found and Lucas claimed responsibility for the crimes. (Seven of those were not cleared by local authorities.) Another seven were

areas where Lucas said he had left bodies, but none were found. At least three unsolved-crime scenes were shown to Henry Lucas, at which he said nothing.

Itinerary

Locations were visited in the following order:

DAY 1. Sunday, 8/19/84
Imperial and San Diego counties El Centro, Calexico, Sunrise
Butte, June Wash, Banner Grade,
Jacumba, Campo, El Cajon. San Diego
County Jail.

DAY 2. Monday, 8/20/84
San Diego City and County; Lemon Grove, El Cajon, Jamul, Procter
Riverside County Valley, San Jacinto, National City,
San Diego, Temecula, Hemet. Banning
Jail.

DAY 3. Tuesday, 8/21/84
Riverside County Hemet, San Jacinto, Lamb's Canyon
Banning, Cabazon, Beaumont, Palm
Springs and Indio areas. Banning Jail.

DAY 4. Wednesday, 8/22/84
Mojave Desert (by air and road) Blythe, Needles, Ludlow, Daggett.
Banning Jail.

DAY 5. Thursday, 8/23/84
Mojave Desert; Long Beach Nevada border area; Baker, Calico,
(by air and road) Barstow; Long Beach. Long Beach
Jail.

DAY 6. Friday, 8/24/84
Orange and Los Angeles
counties Fullerton, Pomona, Pasadena.
Pasadena Jail.

DAY 7. Saturday, 8/25/84
Ventura and San Luis Obispo
counties Port Hueneme, San Miguel, Camp Roberts,
and sites in San Luis Obispo County.
San Luis Obispo County Jail.

DAY 8. Sunday, 8/26/84
Bakersfield Bakersfield. Fresno County Jail.

DAY 9, Monday, 8/27/84
Northern Coast Pacifica, Millbrae, Daly City, South
San Francisco, San Francisco. Humboldt
County Jail, Eureka.

DAY 10. Tuesday, 8/28/84
Humboldt County and Red Bluff Eureka, Humboldt County, Red Bluff.
Shasta County Jail.

DAY 11. Wednesday, 8/29/84
Davis. End of Tour Davis. Sacramento Jail.

DAY 12. Thursday, 8/30/84
Return to Texas Sacramento Executive Airport.
Return Flight.

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areas where Lucas said he had left bodies, but none were found. At least another 35 unsolved-crime scenes were shown to Henry Lucas, at which he said these were not his crimes.

General Information and Cases Denied By Lucas

(For specifics, see CASES CLEARED, CASES NOT CLEARED, BODIES NOT FOUND, and UNIDENTIFIED CRIMES.)

In some areas, Lucas was taken to the locations of unsolved homicides where bodies of victims had been found. In most cases he denied any knowledge of those crimes. He preferred to go to places he had already mentioned, or scenes he had tried to describe.

Lucas had described a few crime scene or body-dump locations which he thought were in San Diego County. His descriptions seemed to fit some places where bodies had been found. However, he was not able to identify those sites.

There was one spot in San Diego County, at June Wash (near Agua Caliente Park in the Anza Borrego Desert), which looked familiar to Lucas. He gave an account of a kidnapping and murder case in which he and Ottis Toole had left a woman's body in a similar area. (He remembered some speckled grey granite rocks that were there.) He was not sure that June Wash was the same place. (It was later learned that the June Wash victim was identified, her background traced, and Lucas is no longer a suspect.)

The body of a black female was dumped at the roadside on a grade near Banner, in San Diego County. Lucas stated he definitely did not do that crime.

He denied responsibility for several unsolved homicides in the city of San Diego, but claimed he was responsible for one in Balboa Park. He was mistaken about the race of the victim. (See CASES NOT CLEARED.)

In Riverside County, Lucas insisted he had left a body at a certain location near Temecula. He directed his escorts to that location. No body had been found there.

In Hemet, Lucas claimed one case was his, thought another one might be his, and searched unsuccessfully for another crime site.

At San Jacinto, Lamb's Canyon, and Cabazon, Lucas pointed out sites where he said he had left the bodies of victims, but none had been found. (For details, see section headed, BODIES NOT FOUND.)

While in Riverside County, Lucas told the officers with him that he was looking for the scene of a crime involving a victim named Martha. He remembered a railroad track running parallel to a road and a gate across another road on the other side of the track. He said that to go through the gate he had doubled back from the road he was on. This area seemed to be on or near a military installation or an airfield. He also remembered a "yellowish" building there. No such scene was found in Riverside County. It later became obvious that the scene Lucas was describing was at Camp Roberts (the San Miguel case.)

En route to the area east of Indio, Lucas gave information about a case which, when checked later, matched some of the known facts in another unsolved crime not included in the tour. This matter is being followed up by the Riverside Sheriff's Department.

In the Mojave Desert area, which includes part of Riverside County as well as much of San Bernardino County, Lucas was flown to certain points, then driven overland. He returned, by air, to Banning on one day and Long Beach the next day.

In Long Beach, Lucas claimed none of their unsolved homicides.

Lucas and Toole were suspected of at least two cases in Long Beach, based on their MO. He said they had sometimes shot people from car to car on freeways. In Long Beach, a nurse was shot in her car on the freeway, apparently from another car. Lucas said that sounded like something he and Toole had done. In another Long Beach case, a woman was found stabbed and cut in her bathroom. There were parallel cuts on her thighs. Lucas had stated he had done "bathroom murders" near Los Angeles. He had also stated that he and Toole sometimes made knife marks on victims, and that one of the marks they made was a line running down each leg. However, Lucas denied all the Long Beach cases that were presented to him.

It was learned during this trip that Lucas does not respond well to being shown crime scene locations that are not his. He prefers to direct the officers to a scene after his memory has been refreshed about a certain area. He stated that he becomes confused and gets a headache when he is shown a series of other people's crime scenes, or is asked about a lot of cases that are not his.

(When he becomes displeased, Lucas sometimes gives false information. This was observed at least twice in the course of his tour. At one point, he became upset because [he explained later] he was asked too many questions too rapidly. He began to lie about the case at hand. Upon arrival at the scene, however, he admitted to it and gave details.)

In Davis, Lucas found the apartment building where Elizabeth Wolf was killed, but told the officers he couldn't find the exact apartment door. Later that day, he volunteered to the reporting agent and other DOJ personnel that he had lied to the Davis officers. He said they had shown him a photograph of the door, which they "weren't supposed to do." He felt that he might be accused of being "led" if shown pictures ahead of time, so he had claimed he wasn't sure which door it was. He stated that he had, in fact, known exactly which door it was when he lied to the officers.

At Long Beach, Lucas was interviewed about the Los Angeles and Orange county areas by local officers. He had already been interviewed in Texas by Detectives John ST. JOHN and Kirk MELLECKER, LAPD Homicide. He declared that he had no cases in Los Angeles. He said he had cases in Pomona and Pasadena. He denied any knowledge of the Wilmington-San Pedro area, as well as Long Beach. He spoke of "Muscle Beach," as he had with other interviewers in the past. This could have been in the vicinity of Santa Monica, or in the Venice area.

Lucas was interviewed by Detectives Gary FULLERTON and Dick ZOLKOWSKI of West LA Division, LAPD. He was not sufficiently clear in his recollections of anything in their area (or in the neighboring Beverly Hills and Santa Monica areas) to warrant taking him there. It also did not appear that he was describing anything in the Venice area that corresponded to a known crime scene.

With respect to Orange County, Lucas had stated, on an earlier date, that he had only one case in that area. (Before coming to California, he had said he had an armed robbery-murder in Santa Ana or Anaheim, but none of the Orange County cities could find a case that matched Lucas's description.) He said that he and Ottis Toole had done a freeway-dump on Interstate 5 in Orange County. (See CASES CLEARED for details.)

Detective Jim SIDEBOTHAM, Orange County SO, was satisfied that Lucas had no other cases to clear up in Orange County.

Lucas was taken to Fullerton and Buena Park, then to Pomona and Pasadena. (See CASES CLEARED and CASES NOT CLEARED for details.)

Early in his custody in Texas, Lucas had written notes or told Ranger Phil Ryan about a burglary-murder in a home not far from Highway 1 (Pacific Coast Highway). He said it had been in a town where the highway runs near a residential area, and that he had been on Highway 1 after leaving Los Angeles (presumably northbound). The only jurisdiction reporting a crime that seemed to fit the situation described by Lucas was Port Hueneme. Lucas said the area was familiar to him, but in the neighborhood of the crime scene, he declared that this was not his case.

After clearing cases in San Miguel (San Luis Obispo County) and Bakersfield, Lucas was taken to Fresno. He had mentioned Fresno and other cities along Highway 99 in earlier interviews. However, when interviewed by Sgt. Jerry CRASS of Fresno Sheriff's Office, he had nothing specific to offer as to crimes in Fresno County. The same was true of Stockton and other places in the San Joaquin Valley. He said some of the names of places sounded familiar to him, but he could not give directions to any specific crime scenes.

Lucas had mentioned Pacifica by name as a place where he had killed someone. He was interviewed by officers from Pacifica, Millbrae, Daly City, and South San Francisco. He was given a tour of that area. The only crime scene he identified there as his was in back of Kaiser Hospital in South San Francisco (See CASES NOT CLEARED for details.)

Lucas claimed three crimes in San Francisco, but no record was found of them. (See BODIES NOT FOUND.)

In addition to the Eureka case (see CASES CLEARED), Lucas was shown two or three other unsolved murder sites in Humboldt County. These were not his cases, he said. He could not provide information about any other crimes in the far northern part of California which corresponded to the facts known about any reported crimes.

In Red Bluff, Lucas said he was less familiar with the roads and the country there than he was with some of his other crime scenes because he had been through there only once. He did, however, identify the spot where the body of Rashell WARD was found. (See CASES NOT CLEARED for details.)

At Redding, Assistant Director Clemons joined the tour party and had an opportunity to observe and interview Henry Lucas en route through Davis to Sacramento.

Mr. Clemons obtained Lucas's consent to produce a training film on officer safety, which was done at the California Highway Patrol Academy. This film consisted of Henry Lucas being interviewed "on-camera" and giving his observations about the danger to patrol officers from criminals such as himself.

Lt. Ray BIONDI, Homicide Detail, Sacramento SO, interviewed Lucas about possible Sacramento County cases at the end of the tour. With Lt. Biondi were U.S. National Park Rangers Kim TUCKER and Don COELHO from Yosemite Park. They questioned him about a pair of severed arms that had been found in the park. Lucas said this was one of his cases, and pointed on a map to the place where he left the arms (the location where they had, in fact, been found). Investigation of that matter is continuing by the National Park Service. They will advise this Department of their findings.

On August 30, 1984, Lucas was returned to Texas by a Sacramento Sheriff's Department airplane, accompanied by Sheriff Boutwell, Texas Ranger Sergeant Prince, and Lt. Biondi. Prior to his departure, Lucas estimated that he might have about ten more cases in California that he hadn't been able to find or direct investigators to.

Sections of this report, captioned CASES CLEARED, CASES NOT CLEARED, BODIES NOT FOUND, and UNIDENTIFIED CRIMES, contain additional details not included in the preceding narrative.

William J. Opferman
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Special Agent

1. Date Found: 03/20/83
Crime: Unknown (Estimated Dec. 82 - Jan. 83)
Location: Sunrise Butte, Imperial County
Victim: Jane DOE, WF, 20's
Officer: Det. Delfino MATUS, Imperial County SO
(619) 339-6311

Known Facts:

Unidentified victim found in desert. Skeleton that of a young white female adult, late teens or early 20s, 5'0 to 5'3, dark brown hair. No clothing found. Body found near a desert path a short distance from Highway 98, 12 miles east of intersection with Interstate 8 (I-8). Cause of death unknown. Hyoid bone not present. (In strangulation cases, hairline crack appears in the hyoid bone, located in the throat.) Remains estimated at scene about three months.

Background:

Lucas told Ranger Ryan he had left a body in the desert near Highway 98, east of intersection of I-8, towards Calexico. He thought it was a white female about 20 with a "Mexican" name, whom he picked up at a roadside park in Houston or San Antonio. He thought he had cut her throat. Agent Opferman contacted Det. Matus and learned he had a case in the area that Lucas described. Matus was informed about the suspect.

At Scene:

Lucas said he had picked up a girl hitchhiker somewhere east of El Centro (state unknown) on I-8 and carried her through El Centro, where he stopped at a park. He then went south to Highway 98, and turned west. He showed us where he turned. Upon approaching Sunrise Butte, he recognized the area and pointed out the direction of the path where he left the body. He said Ottis, Frank and Becky had been with him. He said he had raped this girl and stabbed her in the neck and chest.

(Ottis TOOLE was Lucas's partner in many of his crimes. "Becky" was Freda POWELL, Toole's niece, who became Lucas's mistress at 15 years old. Lucas then killed her. Frank POWELL was Becky's brother. The children traveled with Lucas and Toole from the time they were about 10 and 11 years old until they were 14 and 15. Becky died at age 15.)

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2. Date Found: 08/07/77
Crime: Estimated July - August 1977
Location: Windy Point (Palm Springs area)
Victim: Stephanie DRISCOLL, WF, 21
Officer: Det. Alan FLANARY, Indio Station, Riverside SO
(714) 347-3571

Known Facts:

Victim found in desert at base of mountain, behind a trailer park. Body badly decomposed and damaged by predators and by body fluids exploding from the hot sun. Victim had been strangled, but ligature marks, if any, could not be seen due to condition of body. Possible superficial wounds from jabbing with point of a knife. Piece of tree branch inserted in vagina. Victim's purse found at another location, southeast of crime scene.

Background:

Unknown whether subject has described this crime to anyone.

At Scene:

Lucas was taken to the entrance of the trailer park. En route, he said he remembered a store there. Upon seeing the store he said, "This was a '77 case." He directed officers to a trailer and said he had picked up the victim at Cathedral City, and carried her to a house trailer in this trailer park, where she seemed to know someone. She went into the trailer and it seemed she had changed clothes there or something. This was not clear in his memory. Lucas described the victim as a "hippie" type; she had a dark suntan; she was a doper and a "hype." She had a boy friend who rode a motorcycle. (NOTE: Local detectives confirmed that this victim had been a narcotics user, and could well have been a "hippie" type.) Lucas led the officers through the trailer park and out along a dirt road in the desert behind the park. He pointed out the approximate place where he had killed this victim and left her body. He stated that he raped the victim and she struggled with him. He strangled her with a ligature. He did not remember what he had used for a ligature. He was asked if he had cut the victim. He said, "Not cut, but little pin prick stabs." He took her purse with him when he left the scene and threw it away further down the road. He did not recall inserting an object into this victim's vagina. He said that if he had, it would have been an article of clothing, a stick, or a knife. He directed the officers to the place where he discarded the victim's purse. He stated that he threw away the victim's clothing somewhere near the death scene, but he could not identify that spot. The place where he threw away the purse is on another dirt road which branches off from the

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paved highway southeast of the trailer park. Lucas directed the investigators to that general area. It had been confirmed that the victim's purse had been found in the area he indicated. Lucas was asked why he had chosen that area, a distance from the paved road. He stated that he had camped there that night in his vehicle. Lucas stated that he could identify this victim from a photo line-up. The local investigators intend to obtain a photograph of this victim and forward it to Ranger Sgt. Prince. A knife had been found near the purse. It is unknown whether this knife was related to the crime.

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Date Found

Crime

Location

Nest

Office

NO CASE
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OR PRINCIPLES
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4. Date Found: 12/18/81
Crime: 11/81 (estimated)
Location: Corona
Victim: Jane DOE, WF, 17-20
Officer: Det. Dale STEWART, Corona PD
(714) 736-2286

Known Facts:

Victim found buried in shallow grave on 12/18/81. Estimated dead approximately one month. Body nude and wrapped in a gold bedspread. About three days after the body was found, an officer returned to the crime scene and found a pink rose lying on the grave.

Background:

Det. Dale Stewart interviewed Lucas in Texas. Lucas confessed to this crime, stating that Toole, Becky, and Frank Powell had been with him. He was not told about the flower on the grave, but stated that he had placed a rose on the grave, and to the best of his recollection, it was pink. The bedspread in which the body was wrapped was identified by Toole and by Toole's relatives in Florida as having been the property of Toole's mother.

At Scene:

Lucas stated that he had picked up this victim at the Riverside bus depot. He was taken to the former location of the Trailways bus depot in Riverside, which has since been torn down. He recognized the location and directed officers onto the freeway and indicated the correct turnoff. The crime scene is located in a wooded area just off the freeway, on the north side (the westbound side) of Freeway 91 in Corona. It is the kind of wooded area frequented by hoboes and where people dump trash. There are several trails going through this area. Lucas led the officers directly to the grave site, without hesitation or prompting. He stood there and pointed to the grave, saying, "That's it." Det. Stewart asked him if he had gone back and put anything on the grave. Lucas stated that he did sometimes put a flower on a grave. He said once he put a lily on a grave, and another time a rose. He said it was either a red rose or a pink rose. He then recalled that on this grave he had placed a pink rose.

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5. Date Found: 05/01/83
Crime: Unknown (1980 - 1983)
Location: Blythe area
Victim: Jane DOE, WF, 20-25
Officer: Det. Jim LOWE, Blythe Station, Riverside SO
(619) 922-6121

Known Facts:

Human bones found in desert, scattered over an area of about a half mile. The bones were identified as probably those of a white female, 20-25 years old, 58 to 62 inches tall. The cause of death is unknown.

Background:

Lucas told various investigators that he had committed a murder and/or disposed of a body at or near Blythe.

At Scene:

Lucas was able to direct the officers to the spot where these bones had been found. A landmark in identifying the scene was a bridge. There were two similar bridges in the area. Lucas selected the correct bridge. He stated that this victim had been a white female, 24 or 25, about 5'3 to 5'5. He said he had carried this victim with him for about 3 to 3-1/2 days from North Carolina. He stated he raped her, then killed her by manual strangulation, then committed an act of necrophilia. He thought this victim might be blond. No hair was found at the scene.

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6. Date Found: 11/19/81
Crime: 11/18/81 - 11/19/81
Location: Calico
Victim: Dennis Joseph GIBSON, WM, 30
Officer: Det. Dick PETERSON, San Bernardino SO
(714) 383-2511

Known Facts:

John Doe #47-81 found 11/19/81. Victim had been shot in the head with a .22 caliber bullet. Also blunt force trauma to the head. Victim later identified as Dennis Joseph GIBSON. The victim's vehicle, a blue Monte Carlo, was later found in San Pedro or Long Beach. The body was found in Odessa Canyon in the Calico Mountains near Barstow.

Background:

Lucas had previously related the details of this crime to investigating officers.

At Scene:

Lucas described the victim and identified a picture. He stated that he and Ottis TOOLE had been hitchhiking. The victim picked them up. Toole shot him. They robbed the man and stole his car. Lucas said it was a blue Torino (the car was blue, but it was a Monte Carlo).

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7. Date Found: 12/02/81
Crime: Unknown
Location: Baker
Victim: Jane DOE #20-81
Officer: Det. Dick PETERSON, San Bernardino SO
(714) 383-2511

Known Facts:

Skeleton of a white female was found near Highway 127, north of Baker on December 2, 1981. The cause of death is unknown, and there is no estimate how long the bones had been there.

Background:

Lucas was previously interviewed by Det. Dick Peterson, San Bernardino SO. He described two scenes near Baker, where he said he had killed women or had left their bodies. His descriptions corresponded with locations where skeletons had been found.

At Scene:

Lucas appeared to be uncertain about the location of one of the Baker area crime scenes, but Det. Peterson was satisfied that he had sufficient recollection to clear this case.

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8. Date Found: 12/15/81
Crime: 12/15/81
Location: Fullerton
Victim: Bertha AMBRITZ, MF, 32
Officer: Det. Rick RITTER, Fullerton PD
(714) 738-6800

Known Facts:

Bertha AMBRITZ was thrown from a moving vehicle on the Interstate 5 (I-5) freeway in Orange County on December 15, 1981. She had been beaten severely about the head with a blunt instrument, probably a hammer. She lived in a coma, until 3/1/84, when she died. The victim had been a prostitute and had last been seen at a bar called The Happy Dutchman in Buena Park on December 15, 1981. Witnesses thought they had seen her in the company of two men at the bar.

Background:

Lucas told Agent Opferman that he had only one case in Orange County, on I-5. He remembered some signs that said Disneyland along that freeway, or in the vicinity. He said he and Toole had picked up a female somewhere, and that Toole beat her with a hammer in the back seat of a car, then threw her out along the freeway. Det. Jim SIDEBOTHAM, Orange County Sheriff's Office Homicide Unit, was asked to call the various police departments in Orange County and find out if any of them had a case involving a body being dumped along I-5. Sidebotham reported that Fullerton had such a case.

At Scene:

Lucas was interviewed at Long Beach by Det. Rick Ritter. He stated that he and Ottis Toole had gone to a bar where they picked up a girl. They took her in a car along the freeway. Toole beat her with a roofing hammer, then threw her out of the back seat of the car. He said the bar was kind of a "honky tonk joint." Lucas directed the officers to The Happy Dutchman bar in Buena Park near Disneyland. He selected a photograph of the victim, without hesitation, from a photo line-up. He said that he and Toole had been in this bar and had solicited the victim to perform an act of prostitution for \$50 for both of them. (He said that they never intended to pay her, and laughed.) First they took the girl to a park. Lucas showed the officers where the park was. He also pointed out a house where he thought the victim had gone, possibly to change clothes. (He had already pointed out the area on the freeway where the victim had been thrown out of the car.) He then recalled that the victim may have been beaten at the park prior to being driven up onto the freeway.

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9. Date Found: 05/30/80
Crime: 05/17/80
Location: San Miguel
Victims: Teresa L. FLORES, MF, 05
Martha J. MEZO, MF, 04
Officer: Det. Larry HOBSON, San Luis Obispo SO
(805) 549-4517

Known Facts:

On a Saturday about 1130 hours, Flores and Mezo went to a grocery market on the main street of San Miguel to buy ice cream. They were just a few blocks from their home. They disappeared after leaving the store. Their bodies were found two weeks later (under a concrete bridge) in the dry river bed of the Salinas River. The bridge is adjacent to Highway 101 at Camp Roberts, seven miles north of San Miguel. Both had been strangled with cloth ligatures. Their nude bodies were buried, in sand under the bridge. Mezo was severely beaten about the face and body, but was not sexually assaulted. Flores had been raped, but received no other injuries except the strangulation. There was a pattern of superficial cuts on Mezo's stomach and left thigh.

Background:

Early during his custody in Texas, Lucas told an officer that he had once stayed at Paso Robles, California. He said that he and another man (not named at that time) had done a "child molest" on two little girls in an alley near a movie theater in the vicinity of Paso Robles. A search of the BOCCI Unsolved Homicide Files revealed the case of Flores and Mezo. Agent Opferman telephoned San Luis Obispo County and was referred to the Coroner's Office. An inquiry was made as to whether there was a movie theater near the site where Flores and Mezo disappeared. A coroner's investigator reported that there was an old movie theater near that scene, and referred Agent Opferman to Det. Hobson. Later, Lt. Ray BIONDI, Sacramento Sheriff's Office Homicide, interviewed Henry Lucas in Texas. He asked Lucas what he remembered about Paso Robles. Lucas told Biondi he had been involved in a child molesting case somewhere in that vicinity, and that there had been a church near the scene. Det. Hobson went to Texas to interview Lucas. First Lucas told him that the two of them had been beaten severely about the head and body. He then said, "I did not kill those girls." Later he telephoned Det. Hobson and admitted that he had been involved in that killing.

San Miguel is a very small town (population about 500) with a business district about two blocks long. It has a main street and a secondary street, with an alley between, and two or three cross streets. The old movie theater is one block south of the grocery market. The alley runs behind these buildings. There is a church around the corner from the market.

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At Scene:

Lucas remembered Paso Robles when being driven through there, and said that he had once stayed there for a couple of weeks with a man, but he could not remember the man's name nor where he stayed. Upon arriving at San Miguel, he noted that the place did not have the same appearance. The grocery market had just had a false front of unpainted wood applied to it within the last week or two. The old movie theater now has a bar and some other kind of business in it. It no longer has the appearance of a theater, but local residents have said that a few years ago it could still be recognized as such. The back of it, on the alley, still looks like the back of a movie house.

Lucas noticed a vacant lot just to the south of the row of buildings containing the grocery store. He then remembered the scene as it had been. He said that he and Ottis Toole had seen the two little girls walking past that empty lot and abducted them there. They pulled up alongside in a station wagon and forced the children into the vehicle at gunpoint or knife point. They knocked the ice cream out of the childrens' hands. They drove north to the vicinity of a concrete bridge. They drove down near the bridge and parked there. Lucas and Toole took the two children under the bridge. Lucas had the five-year-old girl and Toole had the four-year-old. Lucas began raping the older girl while Toole beat and kicked the younger the one. Lucas said that his victim kind of whimpered while she was being raped. He and Toole then strangled both girls and buried them. Lucas said that Toole's victim had not been raped. He said Toole beat and kicked the child in order to take out on her his rage at Lucas for refusing a homosexual act.

Becky and Frank were with them and were playing in the riverbed while the murders were going on.

Lucas indicated the precise positions where the bodies had been found. He also drew a sketch of the marks that had been placed on one of the victims. He said that these marks had been made with the back edge of a knife point. He stated that they were symbols used by Toole in connection with a devil worship cult called "Hands of the Devil."

The first time Lucas mentioned this case he had said that the victims were about 7 and 9 years old. Another time he said they were 11 and 13. This time he said he thought they had been 14 and 15.

Lucas then stated that he had another case very similar to this one, involving a 14 or 15 year old girl, and that there was also a concrete bridge involved in the crime scene. He thought that this was further north and somewhere along Interstate 5. (This turned out to be the Red Bluff case.)

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10. Date Found: 12/12/82
Crime: 12/11/82 (estimated)
Location: Bakersfield, Stockdale Highway
Victim: Gayl Ann PETERSON, WF, 15
Officers: Sgt. Brad SINGLETON; Det. Les VINCENT
Bakersfield PD (805) 326-3860

Known Facts:

Victim was a runaway from British Columbia who had been visiting Southern California. She had been shot twice in the head. Her body was found in a sandy area near a dry riverbed, close to the Stockdale Highway in Bakersfield on December 12, 1982. On December 13, 1983, Det. Vincent attended a meeting in Sacramento, presented by the BOCCI Homicide Unit. At the meeting, he learned of information that Lucas had given to Lt. Ray Biondi of the Sacramento SO concerning a case in Bakersfield. Det. Vincent then arranged for himself to interview Lucas in Texas. Lucas told him about several cases in Bakersfield. One of them was the Peterson case, and another was the one referred to in Lt. Biondi's report. (See the case of Linda Sue ADKINS.) Lucas told Det. Vincent that he had picked up a female hitchhiker in Southern California and carried her up I-5 to the vicinity of Bakersfield. He said he got tired of her and shot her in the back of the head. He said she had been carrying a sleeping bag. With reference to a map, Lucas indicated that he had left I-5 at Enos Lane, which is shown on the map and the freeway signs as Highway 23. He said he drove north on Enos, turned right on Stockdale Highway, and went east. He crossed a long bridge. He then turned south and doubled back southwest on a dirt road, which parallels the highway, with a dry riverbed in between. He followed the dirt road past some fields and then drove into a sandy area with high bushes, where he left the body. He said he threw the girl's sleeping bag on top of her. The route of travel and the scene Lucas described to Det. Vincent corresponded precisely with the scene where Peterson's body was found.

At Scene:

Lucas was driven north along I-5 from a point south of where I-5 and Highway 99 separate. He could not find the spot where he had shot Peterson, saying it must have been some distance further south, but it was out of the mountains. (I-5 goes down the Grapevine grade from the Tehachapi Mountains, then runs through a flat area between Grapevine and Wheeler Ridge. Just north of Wheeler Ridge, I-5 and Highway 99 separate; Highway 99 goes into Bakersfield and I-5 runs to the west of Bakersfield.) Lucas recalled that he picked up a female hitchhiker and carried her with him for a few days, having sex with her at intervals along the route. He said this was voluntary on her part. Somewhere between the Grapevine grade and Wheeler Ridge he decided to get rid of the girl because he was tired of carrying her with him. He stated that

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he pulled over to the side of the road and shot her in the head. Later, he was asked if he recalled a black bandana which was tied across the girl's mouth. He stated that she was already shot when he tied that bandana on her, and he did that to stop the blood from flowing out of her nose and mouth into his car. He carried the victim's body north on I-5 until he came to a road where he decided to turn off. Upon approaching Enos Lane, he said he had been mistaken; this was not where he had turned off, because he remembered gas stations. The next off-ramp is at Stockdale Highway. Lucas stated that this is where he had turned off from I-5. He remembered the route, including a long bridge. This bridge is around a curve. Before the bridge came in sight, Lucas said that it was around the bend. Upon reaching the bridge he immediately directed the officers into the turns which took him to the location where the body had been dumped. Lucas then identified the place where he had left the victim's body. He was unable to locate the precise spot, due to the fact that off-road vehicles had changed many of the sand trails in the area. However, he came to within a few feet of the actual crime scene. He remembered the victim having a blue sleeping bag. He also recalled that when he picked her up, he told her he was going to the state of Washington. She said she wanted to go that far with him.

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11. Date Found: 01/16/79
Crime: 01/11/79
Location: Bakersfield
Victim: Linda Sue ADKINS, WF, 28
Officer: Det. Les VINCENT, Bakersfield PD
(805) 326-3860

Known Facts:

Victim's nude body was found in a vacant field on January 16, 1979. She had been stabbed to death and her throat was cut. Victim had been reported missing on January 14, 1979, and had been last seen on January 11, 1979. Her beige-colored Volkswagen was found in the parking lot of the Hilton Motel on Rosedale Highway in Bakersfield. The field where the body was found is adjacent to the Hilton parking lot. The victim's head was almost severed and she had been stabbed several times in the chest.

Background:

When Det. Vincent interviewed Henry Lucas in Texas after having learned about him at a meeting presented by the BOCCI Homicide Unit in December 1983, Lucas said that he remembered a motel parking lot in Bakersfield where he saw a cream-colored Volkswagen. He saw a white female come out of a restaurant and approach the Volkswagen. He was driving a greenish-blue Ford station wagon. Ottis Toole was with him. He stated that he approached the girl and asked her to go for a ride with him and she refused. He then pointed a gun at her and forced her into his car. He said he raped the girl in a field where there were some oil tanks. Vincent then showed him a photograph of the victim's Volkswagen at the Hilton Motel parking lot. Lucas stated that the space next to this car was where he had pulled up in his vehicle. Lucas was shown the crime scene photographs and stated that this was his work.

In Riverside, in the course of his California tour, Lucas told officers that he was looking for a motel in connection with a park.

He said if he could find the park, he could find his way to the motel where he had killed a woman and left her body in some weeds or grass in a field next to the motel. Lucas was driven around Riverside and neighboring cities for a considerable time and could not find the park or motel he was looking for. On the way to Bakersfield, he was reminded of his search for a park and a motel, and was told that he was going to be shown a park and motel in Bakersfield. He said he believed this was the scene he was looking for and he had been mistaken in thinking that this scene was in Riverside.

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Upon seeing the park, Lucas recognized it immediately and said that this was the park that he was looking for and that it was not in Riverside, but in Bakersfield. He then directed the officers from the park to the Hilton Motel. He stated that there were some changes in the appearance of the parking lot but he was able to identify the area where he had kidnapped Adkins. He was sitting in the parking lot with Ottis Toole, planning to commit a burglary or a robbery, when he saw a woman come out of a building in the motel area and approach a Volkswagen parked across from where he was. He drove up alongside the woman's car and tried to persuade her to go with him. She refused. He showed her a weapon and forced her into his car. He then drove to the park, where he raped the victim in the vehicle. Ottis just sat there in the back seat. He then drove back past the motel and through a large empty field, which had tank of some kind in it. The path he took through the field lead back to the boundary of the Hilton property. At this point he stabbed the victim, then cut her throat deeply. He stated that the victim's head had almost been cut off, and that he had done this, not Ottis. He was asked if he had performed an act of necrophilia on this victim. He said he had started to, but did not finish.

Lucas then said he had another case in Bakersfield where he had picked up a victim at the Trailways bus depot. He then remembered that he had confused Bakersfield with Riverside, and had already cleared the case involving the Trailways depot (the Corona case). He felt better about clearing up a problem in his mind by finding the park and motel he had been searching for and realizing he had gotten the two places confused.

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12. Date Found: July 1976
Crime: 06/30/76
Location: Eureka
Victim: Vickie Lynne SCHNEIDER, WF, 19
Officer: Det. Leo BESSETTE, Humboldt County SO
(707) 445-7301

Known Facts:

Victim had been hitchhiking to the beach to sunbathe. She was raped and strangled, and her body was found partially buried in a sand dune area on the beach.

Background:

Early in his custody in Texas, Lucas told Ranger Phil Ryan that he killed a girl in Eureka, California, in what he thought was 1975. He strangled her and partially buried her in the sand. He remembered some old building foundations and a vacant boat storage or shed, in connection with the scene. In another interview, Lucas told an officer he remembered that one of his crimes was at a fishing resort in Northern California, where there was lumber on the beach.

At Scene:

Lucas was taken to the Samoa area of Eureka where there is a big lumber company near the beach. Piles of lumber can be seen along the beach road. The roadway to that beach goes over a high bridge. Visible from this bridge are old building foundations and an empty shed near the edge of the water. After checking several locations along the beach, Lucas recognized the place where he had left a victim. He led the officers directly to the crime scene, but did not realize he was precisely in the right spot. What he did not know was that the crime scene was directly in line with a black timber water tower. This is where he stopped to look around. He said the place looked familiar, but he was looking for a big log that had been parallel with the water line. He said he had scooped out a hollow in the sand along this log and covered the girl's body with sand there. He felt that he was in the right spot except he could not find the big log that he remembered. The place where he was standing had some fragments of logs in it. The crime scene photographs do not contain a big log but show log fragments that appear to be the same as those at the site that Lucas indicated. Lucas was not shown these photographs, but he was able to point out the exact spot where the body had been found. Lucas stated that he had raped this victim and strangled her with a part of her clothing.

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13. Date Found: 09/04/77
Crime: On or about 09/04/77
Location: Davis
Victim: Elizabeth Mary WOLF, WF, 27
Officers: Det. Mark SAFARIK, Davis PD (no longer with that department); Det. Nick CONCOLINO, Davis PD (916) 756-3740

Known Facts:

Victim stabbed to death in her apartment. There were sixteen deep stab wounds in the front and back of her body which were made by a knife approximately 3 inches long. No evidence of sexual assault.

Background:

Det. SAFARIK learned about Henry Lucas and went to Texas in November 1983 to interview him. Lucas was familiar enough with minute details of the crime scene to satisfy Det. Safarik that he was responsible for this crime.

At Scene:

Lucas remembered the victim's apartment house in relationship to a school across the street from it. He directed officers to the scene and went close to the door of the victim's apartment. He then said that he was close, but could not remember which door it was. Later, after leaving the scene, he told several officers that he had lied when he said he did not recognize the door. He said the reason was that someone had shown him a photograph of the door, and he did not want anyone to think that he was being lied. He stated that he knew exactly which apartment this crime had taken place in, and that he had been standing within a few feet of it. He declared that this was indeed his crime.

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1. Date: 02/02/81
Location: San Diego
Victim: Suzette Ann REEVES, WF 17
Officer: Det. Dave AYERS and Det. Ron JORDAN, San Diego PD
(619) 236-6591

Known Facts:

Victim stabbed in Balboa Park, San Diego. Multiple stab wounds in chest and abdomen. Wounds formed a "U" shaped pattern. Victim found down a grassy slope from a path near a recreational clubhouse in the park.

Background:

Lucas had been interviewed in Texas by Detectives Jordan and Ayers, but had not given any clear information about San Diego cases (except a child molest case in which the victims had not been killed). In San Diego, Lucas told officers he remembered a park in which there was a big monument. Local officers said this would be a statue of El Cid, in Balboa Park.

At Scene:

On arrival at Balboa Park, Lucas was driven around until he recognized an area that he said was familiar. It was observed that this would have been a very long walk from the monument. At the location indicted by Lucas, there is a recreational clubhouse. Outside this clubhouse there are shuffleboard courts. Along one side of the building and the edge of the courts there is a paved footpath. On the other side of the footpath is a grassy slope, and across from the slope is a heavy growth of big trees of different varieties. This area is located at the edge of the park. Lucas said he remembered stabbing a girl at this spot. He said he thought it was a black prostitute. He said he first stabbed her near the doorway to the building. She then ran across the path and fell down the slope. He said he chased her down there and stabbed her repeatedly. He thought he had stabbed her in the back. He recalled a cedar tree at the scene. (There is a big cedar-type tree there, among the other trees.) Lucas was shown a line-up of photographs. Two of these were morgue shots of the victim. (No live photos of this victim were available.) Lucas said these looked familiar, and was informed they were both pictures of the same person. He said that this looked like his victim, except he thought the victim at this location had been a black girl. Lucas said he recalled taking something that belonged to this victim and throwing it up on the roof of the clubhouse. He could not remember what it was.

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Discrepancies:

Lucas at first thought he recalled a black victim at this location. Even when viewing the photographs of this victim, he said he thought she had been black. Lucas also stated he had stabbed the victim in the back, when in fact she had been stabbed in the front.

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2. Date: 07/19/78
Location: Hemet
Victim: Deanna MUZQUIZ, WF, 16
Officer: Sgt. Howard RUSH, Hemet Station, Riverside SO
(619) 925-0456

Known Facts:

Victim last seen walking along road near her home. Her body was found in a field. She had been raped and strangled by ligature (victim's blouse).

Background:

Lucas told a visiting officer, in Texas, that he had a case in Hemet on a "knoll back of Jack Smart's house."

At Scene:

Lucas was looking for a "knoll" in a field. He was driven past Jack Smart's residence and around that part of Hemet until he saw a field with a dirt berm running along the edge of the field. He called the two or three foot high berm a "knoll." He said the victim had been left in that field (which was a fact). He thought the victim had a bicycle (incorrect). He thought the crime was in April 1982. He raped and strangled the victim with a piece of her clothing, possibly a stretch blouse. He left her about 10 feet from the road. The field had heavy brush in it then (correct).

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3. Date: 01/07/80
Location: Hemet
Victim: Elizabeth M. CROSSMAN, WF, 57
Officer: Det. Bob TAYLOR, Hemet PD
(714) 658-2202

Known Facts:

Victim raped and strangled by intruder. No sign of forced entry. Wallet, jewelry, Seiko watch, and one pair of eyeglasses stolen.

Background:

Henry Lucas had not mentioned a residential burglary-murder in Hemet. He has, however, admitted to many burglaries, and he reportedly steals jewelry and eyeglasses.

At Scene:

Lucas was taken to various crime scenes in Hemet to see if he could remember any that were his. He was shown a house near the home of victim Crossman. This was not the crime scene. Lucas said he had committed a burglary-murder in a house in that location, but this did not look like the right house. The house he had remembered was a yellowish color. He noticed that there was a lumberyard adjacent to the property on which this house stands. He recalled that he had gone to the lumberyard in the daylight to look the place over and plan for a burglary of their office. While at the lumberyard, he noticed an adjacent house and decided to break in. He said he forced the door open by breaking off a chain lock. He claimed that he stabbed this victim, when in fact she was strangled. He said that he stole antiques and curios. The next day Lucas was shown the house where the crime actually took place. It is also adjacent to the lumberyard that he had made reference to. He did not recognize that house.

Discrepancies:

Lucas was not clear enough in his recollection to consider it conclusive that he had committed this crime. He did relate the location to the lumberyard, and it is interesting to note that a pair of eyeglasses were stolen. It has been learned that Lucas, at least once, stole eyeglasses to give to Becky to play with. Except for those two points of reference, there are more discrepancies than similarities between the actual crime scene and Lucas's account of it in this case. The victim's house has a brick front. Lucas recalled a "yellowish" house. (The side of this house is a shade of yellow.) Lucas said he broke a chain lock to get in. Entry was in fact gained through a sliding glass door. He said he stole antiques or curios. This is not in evidence in the crime report. (He did say he stole necklaces, and there were gold chains stolen.)

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4. Date: 11/20/79
Location: Pomona
Victim: Guadalupe MUTSCHLER, MF, 32
Officer: Sgt. Ron McDONALD, Pomona PD
(714) 620-2144

Known Facts:

Victim was a nurse. She came home from work around 1700 hours, after dropping off a friend, and apparently surprised a burglar. She was shot twice in the face and head with a .22 caliber Ruger single action revolver, which was left at the scene.

Background:

Earlier in the course of the tour, Lucas told Agent Opferman that he had committed a murder in Pomona. He had traveled up Interstate 5, then reached Pomona by either Highway 60 or 71. He left the freeway at the intersection of 60 and 71 and shot a woman twice in the head with a .22 caliber gun. The woman had dark hair and weighed about 140 pounds. Lucas thought this murder took place in the robbery of a "mini-market." Pomona PD had no such case, but there was a 1975 stabbing of a secretary in an optometrist's office in Pomona. Lucas was taken to that area. He saw a photograph of that victim in a photo line-up and thought she might be familiar. He said he seemed to remember some office folders in the hand of a woman who looked like that, but did not recall the crime scene, and did not think this was one of his crimes.

He then said that he did have a crime further north on Garey Avenue. (He did not know the name of the street; he pointed out the direction.)

At Scene:

After proceeding north for a distance on Garey Avenue, he told the officers we had gone too far and said the place he was looking for was back the other way. In the block of Garey Avenue where the Mutschler murder took place, Lucas was allowed to look over the houses. He selected one and said that was where he had killed a woman. He was shown a photo line-up, and immediately picked out the correct photograph of the victim. He said he had broken into the house, found the woman inside, and stabbed her to death. The crime report on this case showed that the pistol used to kill Mutschler had been the property of a man who lived in Claremont. The report that was available at that time did not show whether the pistol had been reported stolen. The name of Claremont was not mentioned to Lucas, although it is unknown whether or not he might have overheard this city mentioned by the officers. After the Pomona officers had

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departed and Lucas was being driven to the next location to be visited, he said, "I just now remembered that I was already in that house when that girl came in. She surprised me while I was going through the rooms, and I shot her with a pistol I had with me." Lucas stated that at first he thought this case was a stabbing, then he had not been able to remember whether he had stabbed or shot the victim, until he suddenly remembered that he had already been in the house when the victim came in. This refreshed his memory about the rest of the case. He also remembered seeing some boxes in the closet of the house where this crime took place. He said he had stolen the pistol in another burglary a few days before that crime. He said he stole it in a town not far from Pomona, to the east. He said it was very close to Pomona, about two towns to the east. He said he was trying to remember the name. The names of several cities in the vicinity were read to Lucas from a map. He picked Claremont as the place where he stole the pistol. He said there was no one home during the Claremont burglary.

Discrepancies:

Lucas thought at first that he had stabbed this victim, and that he had broken in and found the victim at home. Later he said he shot her, after he reminded himself that he had already been in the house when the woman came in. He had been uncertain whether he had shot or stabbed her. He said that he had stolen the gun a few days earlier, in Claremont, but Pomona PD records reflect that the owner of the gun had reported it stolen a few weeks before that crime. They had no date for the burglary because the owner claimed he did not miss the gun right away. The Pomona investigators had information concerning a chain of possession of the gun, which contradicts Lucas's account of this case.

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5. Date: 06/04/81
Location: Pasadena
Victim: Corrine BROOKS, WF, 80
Officer: Sgt. Bill ORR, Pasadena PD
(818) 405-4584

Known Facts:

Victim was stabbed in the breast and raped in her home. Her body was nude except for an opened blue bathrobe or housecoat. The victim was found on her back in front of a white couch in her living room. Her legs were spread open. The knife with which she had been stabbed was left at the scene. It was a serrated knife with a wedge-shaped blade and an off-set handle, used for slicing bread.

Background:

Lucas was interviewed in Texas by Det. John ST. JOHN, Los Angeles PD, and said that he had committed murders in Pomona and Pasadena. In the course of his tour in California, he told Agent Opferman he remembered a Pasadena case. He said he had proceeded from Pomona to Pasadena, where he turned off of a freeway and drove into a residential neighborhood. He recalled a curving street where there were houses of various colors. He drove past a house where there was a woman picking flowers. He turned back and parked near the house. He got out of his vehicle and approached the woman, asking her if her husband was home. When she replied in the negative, he forced her into her house by twisting her arm up behind her back. Inside the house, he stabbed the woman several times. She knocked over a coffee table and two chairs. He raped the woman and left her on the floor of the living room.

At Scene:

Lucas was driven to the neighborhood where this crime had taken place. There is a street with curves in it leading to the crime scene. Lucas said it looked familiar. Upon arrival at the house where the murder took place, he said it was the wrong color. (The house is now green; at the time of the murder, it was white.) Lucas said the house had been white. He again related that he had stabbed the woman several times, and she had knocked over the table and two chairs. Lucas was asked if he could draw a floor plan of the interior of the house from memory. He did so and showed the location of the victim's body as being in front of a couch in the living room. He recalled the victim lying on her back, face upward with her legs spread apart. He recalled her as being nude except for some upper garment, which was open. He did not recall what this garment

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was, but thought it was blue. He thought it might be an open blouse. Prior to arriving at the scene, Lucas was asked what kind of knife he had used in this crime. He indicated by gestures that the knife had a wavy or serrated edge and he stated that it had a "different kind of handle." He indicated by a gesture that the handle had been off-set. He was then shown a photograph of the knife and he said it was the kind of knife he was talking about, and that he would call it a bread knife.

Discrepancies:

There are no flowers growing in front of this house. Lucas was unable to identify the victim in a photo line-up. He said the victim had been about 45 to 50 years old. There was no coffee table in the house, or at least there is none visible in the crime scene photos. There was no chair knocked over, although one of the dining room chairs had been moved out of place. It was learned that Lucas had also claimed responsibility for another murder in Texas on the same date as this crime.

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6. Date: 03/15/76
Location: South San Francisco
Victim: Carol Lee BOOTH, WF, 27
Officer: Det. Douglas McCOOL, South San Francisco PD
(415) 877-8910

Known Facts:

Victim found in bushes in a railroad right-of-way behind the Kaiser Hospital in South San Francisco. She had been stabbed repeatedly and her throat was cut. Cause of death was three stab wounds to the heart.

Background:

Lucas had said repeatedly that he killed two nurses in the San Francisco vicinity. He had been unable to furnish any further details about these cases. Upon arrival in South San Francisco, Lucas said he killed a nurse in back of a hospital in this area.

At Scene:

Lucas indicated to the officers the route he had taken to the Kaiser Hospital. He was then taken around to the rear of the hospital, on the far side of the railroad right-of-way. He said he remembered the place very well, and that two new buildings in the Kaiser complex had not been built yet when the crime took place. (This is correct.) Along the rear of the Kaiser property is a chain-link fence without a gate. Next there is a concrete drainage ditch, then a wide space which has been cleared of bushes. After that is a single railroad track, then more bushes, and then the fences of property along the right-of-way. Lucas said this victim had been a nurse. He said she had worn a white dress with a bluish tint to it and a "greenish-looking" jacket. He said she was wearing white hose and white shoes. He approached the woman on the hospital grounds and forced her at knife point to the back fence. There was an opening in the fence and he took her through it. He raped the woman and then strangled her with some item of clothing, he said. Lucas indicated an area in the bushes where he recalled this crime took place, but said he did not feel this was precisely the right spot. He felt it had been more toward the center of the wide strip of land in back of the hospital. (The center of that strip has been cleared, but apparently had thick bushes in it earlier.)

Lucas was asked what he had done with the knife he had in his hand when he strangled the victim. He then became unsure whether he had stabbed or strangled this victim. He stated that he was positive this was his case, but was unclear as to whether or not this victim had been stabbed or strangled.

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Lucas stated he remembered this area very well, and that he had stolen things from cars in the Kaiser Hospital parking lot before he committed this murder.

Discrepancies:

The major discrepancy here is the fact that Lucas thought he had strangled this victim, then was unsure about it. The victim was not a nurse and was not wearing a nurse's uniform. The investigating officer still considers Lucas a suspect in this case.

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7. Date: 03/03/83
Location: Red Bluff
Victim: Rashell Lee WARD, WF, 14
Officer: Captain William S. CASHDOLLAR; Detective Allen GROVES
Tehama County SO
(916) 527-1551

Known Facts:

Victim was kidnapped on the way to school. A witness reported seeing what he thought were two drunks wrestling with each other along a road in pasture country. The victim's body was found near a bridge at another location. She was shot once in the back of the head with a .38 or a .357 caliber weapon. The victim was bound with silver duct tape.

Background:

Early in his custody in Texas, Lucas made a statement that he had committed a murder in a small town off of I-5 in Northern California. Captain Cashdollar interviewed Lucas in Texas, and Lucas confessed to the Rashell Ward rape and murder. Lucas was shown crime scene photographs by Captain Cashdollar. Lucas declares that he has no intention of confessing to crimes that are not his. Nevertheless, there are indications that he is suggestible and that in trying to please officers he might give information that has been suggested to him by pictures he has seen. Because of this, Cashdollar has been conducting an exhaustive investigation covering the entire United States, in an effort to find physical evidence. Lucas has been quite convincing in his declaration that he is responsible for this crime. However, Cashdollar would be more comfortable with something more concrete (than Lucas's own admissions) such as the murder weapon, a fingerprint, or certain biological evidence.

In San Miguel, Lucas and Toole raped and murdered two little girls and buried them under a bridge. After identifying that crime scene, Lucas said, "I was sure those girls were 14 and 15 years old. What bothers me is I've got another one something like it where there's a bridge, and I'm sure that's a 14 or 15 year old girl. It's up north off of I-5."

At Scene:

Henry Lucas said he had abducted a girl from near a school in Red Bluff. He was shown a school, and said it was not that one, but a bigger building. The school that was actually involved was familiar to him, but he was not 100 percent positive about it.

He said he was less familiar with Red Bluff than with other crime scenes because he had been there only once.

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He was driven past the spot where the witness saw "two drunks wrestling," presumably the rape location. The roads were familiar to him, and he reacted to the place by looking around, but did not point out the precise spot where the rape took place.

He was looking for a bridge, and said he also wanted to see a dirt road in connection with the bridge, because that would refresh his memory about this case.

He was shown several bridges and rejected them one after another until he came to one bridge which was the actual crime scene. (Nothing was said to Lucas about this.) He said he still needed a dirt road. Past the bridge there was a dirt road on the side. He recalled he carried the victim with him, over the bridge and further along the paved road, to a dirt road, then turned back to the bridge. He went without hesitation to one corner of the bridge, which was, in fact, the spot where the body was found. He described the scene as it had been. The river was running, the grass was green, and there were rocks on the bank. Lucas pointed to some rocks in the now dry riverbed and said that they were the same rocks that had been up on the bank, at the corner of the bridge. He recalled that the victim had been bound, but did not remember with what. He recalled she had been carrying some "stuff for school" when he abducted her.

Discrepancies:

No major discrepancies have been noted in Lucas's account of this crime. It has been observed that he seems to be suggestible, and Captain Cashdollar prefers to leave the case open for the time being. Lucas has never been told or asked about the duct tape, and has never mentioned using duct tape to bind his victims. Lucas is still considered a suspect in this case.

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BODIES NOT FOUND

In the vicinity of Temecula, in Riverside County, Lucas said he could show us a place where he had dumped a body. It was eastbound on Highway 79, east of Interstate 15 out of Temecula, on the south bank of the Temecula River. At the site pointed out by Lucas, there is an old barbed wire fence near the river bank. Lucas said he killed a girl and threw her body over the fence, leaving it in high grass or brush on the river bank. There has been no report of a body found at that location.

At Cabazon, there is a truck stop, service station, and cafe with a huge concrete dinosaur. Lucas stated that he had picked up a victim at that truck stop, and drove east into the desert, where he killed her and left her body. He said the body had been left near an old automobile body out in the desert. The area was checked and no bones were found. There has been no report of a body found at that location. There is a desert wash right where Lucas says he left the body.

In the city of San Jacinto, there is a bridge across a dry sandy riverbed at the north end of town. Lucas stated that he left a body in that riverbed or on the bank. There is no report of a body having been found at that location.

In Lamb's Canyon, between San Jacinto and Banning, there is a turnout on the right side of the road. There is a big pile of rocks in this turnout. Painted on one of the rocks in large letters is the name Becky. Lucas says that Becky Powell painted her name there. From the turnout, a rocky trail leads up to a high ridge also covered with large rocks. Lucas stated that he and Becky murdered a woman on the top of that ridge and left her body there. He said Becky held the woman while he stabbed her. A search by sheriff's officers failed to reveal any body or bones at that location.

In San Francisco Lucas was sure he had killed a woman he thought was a nurse, in a park between the Presidio of San Francisco and Fort Mason, next to a marina. He pointed out the scene, which is on a lawn beside some concrete bleachers. He said the woman had been wearing some kind of military uniform, which he recalled was blue. San Francisco Police Department could find no record of this crime. Also in San Francisco, Lucas said he had committed two robbery-murders in stores. The police department was unable to find any record of crimes matching the descriptions given by Lucas.

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UNIDENTIFIED CRIMES

Henry Lucas related that one time he and Ottis Toole kidnapped a woman from a small town near an interstate highway. He said they grabbed her off a street in the morning, and that it appeared she was going to work somewhere by the way she was dressed. He said that Becky and Frank were also with them. They took the victim to a place in a desert where they camped. They tied her up and beat her a few times, but did not cut her. They raped her and then Henry strangled her with part of her dress. He thought this victim was either divorced or married because she was wearing a wedding band. He thought this woman's name might have been Charlotte and that she was in her 30s. However, Charlotte might have been the name of a different victim.

Lucas described some body dumps in San Diego County where he thought the terrain looked familiar. The circumstances he described matched the circumstances of some known body dumps in that area, but Lucas was unable to identify the precise locations.

Lucas stated that he had killed someone, or left a body, near a California Highway Patrol station in San Diego County. This turned out to be the El Cajon CHP station. Upon arrival, Lucas was unable to find a crime scene. However, he did state that he once threw out a .38 caliber revolver alongside the freeway near that CHP station.

Lucas said that he had once raped and stabbed a hitchhiker whom he had picked up northbound on Interstate 15 (I-15). He said that she was about 18 years old, 5'4 to 5'5 and 115 pounds. He said this took place about 9 p.m. on a night in early July. He did not know what year.

Lucas related a case in which he robbed a small store, which he referred to as a mini-market, and killed a white woman in her 30s by shooting her twice with a .22 caliber gun.

He described a burglary-murder in a two-story apartment building. He found a woman alone in bed. He strangled and raped her and took about \$40, a color TV, and some jewelry. He said this apartment house was brown and the woman's furniture was "tannish" in color. She had a Hollywood bed with a fancy headboard. He said her dinette furniture was white, with metal chairs, and that she had brown appliances. He remembered a flowered bedspread. He strangled this victim with a part of her nightgown, which was pink.

Lucas recalled stealing a .38 caliber Colt revolver with a very long barrel, and a .300 Savage rifle in one of his burglaries, but does not remember which one.

He recalled a victim named "Judy" from Fort Smith, Arkansas. She was a white female about 22 years old, who was looking for work. She was wearing blue slacks and a shirt which was blue and orange with a plaid design. She had a blue vinyl suitcase. He thought that this was the victim he left in the desert at Cabazon near the concrete dinosaur.

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At Hemet, Lucas remembered a male victim about 45 years old. This man had been to a grocery store where he bought some meat, bread, canned beans, canned mixed vegetables, and canned potatoes. He had black curly hair, was about 5'8 to 5'9, and weighed about 180 pounds. He had about \$75 on his person. He was wearing a sport shirt, sport jacket, and slacks. Lucas kidnapped him at gunpoint outside a grocery store and took him into a mountain area where he killed him and stole his money and groceries. He remembered this crime in Hemet, but then thought that it could have happened somewhere else.

Lucas had a victim named "Sherry," from Tucson. She had brown hair with a little blond in it, and was about 5'6 and weighed 125 pounds. He described her as good looking. Sherry had a 1970 green Rambler. He and Becky were hitchhiking and Sherry gave them a ride. They killed her and sold her car to a junk dealer who would have scrapped it. Lucas said he knew several junk dealers who did not ask for a registration or owner's certificate.

According to Lucas, one of his murders took place on a big rock at a beach. The rock was out in the water and was connected to the beach by a row of rocks which a person could walk on to get to the big rock, a kind of jetty. He said he left the body on the big rock. He said the victim was a sandy haired white female about 28 years old. He said he had been drinking beer with the victim and committed an act of necrophilia upon her after killing her. He was not clear as to the method of killing.

Lucas related an incident in which he shot a man from a freeway. He did not remember when or where this was. He thinks the weapon used was a .357 Magnum pistol. He was driving along a freeway with Ottis Toole, in daylight hours, when they saw a man wiping a car at a self-service car wash. There was no one else around. Henry said that he was going to get him. While driving, he fired three rounds at the man, and hit him in the chest with one of the shots. He thinks that one shot hit the car and the other went astray. He and Ottis laughed about it.

Lucas said that once he and Ottis tied a victim to a tree to use for target practice. He said she was hit with two or three hundred rounds, all over the body. He did not recall where this was, but did not think it was in California.

Lucas told Fred Shirasago about a case in which he raped and killed a woman who had a baby with her. He said he left the infant unharmed at the scene. It was a wooded area, possibly in a state park, not far from the freeway.

Lucas has also related that he killed a whole family somewhere, but can't remember where it was.

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BACKGROUND:

DOJ (BOCCI) PARTICIPATION IN THE LUCAS-TOOLE CASE

(Added: The material in this section was written before the Henry Lucas Tour.)

Henry Lee LUCAS first came to the attention of the DOJ (BOCCI) Homicide Unit about June 1983, after he was arrested in Texas and began confessing to murders all over the U.S., including California. Fred Shirasago obtained some initial information about Lucas from Texas Ranger Phil RYAN.

Subsequently, we received information from various sources. This includes:

1. Newspaper articles from Texas and other places.
2. Reports of interviews from investigators who interviewed Lucas and Toole.
3. Reports of information exchanged at criminal intelligence meetings held to discuss the Lucas/Toole matter.
4. Chronological notes, updated frequently, on established dates and locations pertaining to Lucas and Toole, from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Background

This is what we learned, from various sources, about Lucas's and Toole's backgrounds:

Lucas was a drifter with no regular occupation. He came from a poor rural background in the hills of Virginia. His mother was said to be promiscuous and a heavy drinker. In 1960 in Michigan, after drinking with his mother, he stabbed her to death. He served time for that crime, partly in a mental hospital and partly in the Michigan State Prison. He was paroled in 1975.

Lucas says he killed someone the day he was paroled. He began traveling all over the United States. He says he was in California in 1975, 1976, 1979, and probably 1982 and 1983. (He is not reliable as to dates, so he could have been here any year from 1975 to 1983.)

Among the states he specifically mentions killing people in are California, Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York. He spent a lot of time in Jacksonville, Florida, where he met his sometime crime partner, Ottis Ellwood TOOLE. Toole was a homosexual killer and a pyromaniac.

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It has been reported that Lucas and Toole met at a rescue mission, which they later burned. Two or more dates are reported for the meeting of Lucas and Toole. Possibly they met earlier (1976), separated, then met again (1979).

Toole had a nephew and niece, Freda and Frank POWELL, about 11 and 10 years old in 1979. These children traveled with Lucas and Toole and observed some of their crimes.

At some point, Lucas took Freda Powell as his "common-law wife." He called her "Becky" instead of Freda.

Lucas and Toole bought several old cars in Jacksonville, and possibly some in other places. When a car they were using broke down, they would abandon it. They would then hitchhike or steal a car. Sometimes they used the cars of their murder victims.

Lucas and Toole reportedly had a homosexual relationship, but Lucas does not consider himself a homosexual.

It has been reported that in 1982, Lucas and Becky were hitchhiking and were picked up by Jack SMART and his wife, O'Bera, of Hemet, California. They were given food and shelter by the Smarts. Later, the Smarts decided to send Henry and Becky to Texas to work for Mrs. Smart's mother, (Kate RICH), who was about 80 years old. Jack Smart paid the bus fare. (It appears that Lucas was in Hemet before he met Jack Smart.)

Henry and Becky stayed on Mrs. Rich's property and did odd jobs. Eventually, both Kate Rich and Becky disappeared. Relatives or neighbors of Mrs. Rich became suspicious and notified the Sheriff of Montague County. Sheriff "Bull Dog" CONWAY checked into Lucas's background and learned he was a convicted felon. When he heard that Lucas had disposed of a .22 caliber weapon, he used this as grounds for arrest (ex-con with a gun) and took Henry into custody.

While in jail, Lucas decided to confess. He first told a jailer about his crimes, then the Texas Rangers, who were called in by the Sheriff. He confessed that he had killed Mrs. Rich. He disposed of her remains in a wood stove. He had also killed Becky. She was then about 15 years old. He cut her up into pieces and put the pieces in plastic garbage bags, which he discarded in a field.

Investigation

Ranger Phil RYAN was the first to interrogate Lucas at length. At first he was incredulous, thinking Lucas could not have committed all the murders he claimed. He had to admit, however, that Lucas was providing solid corroboration for at least some of his crimes.

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Ranger Ryan relayed to the BOCCI Homicide Unit the details that Lucas was offering about some of his California cases.

At first, Lucas did not mention Ottis TOOLE. In fact, it appears that he was deliberately omitting Toole, because he at one point wrote to Ranger Phil Ryan that he had done no killings with guns, except in Texas and Oklahoma. Then he struck out Oklahoma. (Lucas's weapon of choice is the knife; Toole prefers the gun.)

In the course of his confessions, however, Lucas eventually brought in Toole, who was found to be in custody in Florida for arson.

Toole was angry with Lucas for "snitching" on him, and said he would like to kill Henry because he could have gotten away with just doing his time for arson. However, the two were allowed to converse by telephone and reportedly became friendly again.

Toole admitted several murders that he was asked about, but detectives who have questioned him report that he is not reliable. He has admitted to some crimes, then denied them. His attitude seems to be somewhat mocking of the investigators, and he "plays games."

A few detectives from California learned about Lucas and Toole and went to Texas and Florida to interview them.

The BOCCI Homicide Unit tried to correlate data given by Lucas with the facts known about unsolved murders in California. This effort was successful in only two cases. Partly this was because Lucas confuses one case with another, and partly because his modus operandi is so varied and his range of victims so broad that our search produced practically all the unsolved female homicides in California.

The Homicide Unit obtained information about Lucas and Toole from Texas, Louisiana, Colorado, and several California jurisdictions.

In December 1983, the BOCCI Homicide Unit sponsored a statewide meeting of homicide investigators to exchange information about Lucas and Toole. Some of the contributors at that meeting had already cleared their local cases for which Lucas and Toole were responsible. Others had interviewed the suspects and obtained some admissions, but were not finding satisfactory evidence in their jurisdictions to corroborate the admissions.

A network of contacts and close cooperation was established largely as a result of this meeting. Exchanging of information continued after the meeting. The sharing of information brought about a consensus as to how to interpret what Lucas says. A result of this was that several investigators took a "second look" at the unsolved crimes in their areas in light of Lucas's statements and found some correlations that had been missed earlier.

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The key to this technique was to ignore dates and sometimes the locales presented by Lucas and look for details that match the description of the scene and/or the victim. It was learned that Lucas should never be summarily dropped as a suspect just because one or two details of his admission do not fit in with all the details of a known crime.

With respect to the doubts that do arise out of Lucas's confusing his cases, the Texas officers had learned that the surest way for him to corroborate his admissions and clear up discrepancies was to take him out into the countryside and let him direct them to the crime scenes. It was learned that Lucas has a remarkable memory for details such as road numbers, mileages, and landmarks. Upon identifying a crime scene, Lucas likes to be shown a photo line-up containing a picture of the victim while alive. (If no live photo is available, the next best thing is a morgue shot of the victim's face, with body wounds blocked out.) When sure a case is his, Lucas can usually pick the victim out of the line-up. This then refreshes his memory about the entire case, and he can often clear up discrepancies in telling about it.

Lucas sometimes identifies a crime in which he was not even considered as a suspect.

In one case in Texas, he was being driven past a commercial structure when he said that he and Toole had killed a man and a woman in the armed robbery of "that liquor store over there." The Rangers noted that the building was not a liquor store, but learned that it had been when the proprietors were killed in a robbery.

In another case, the crime scene was so remote that the Ranger who had originally investigated the case could not find his way back to it. Lucas led the Rangers back to the scene.

Several other cases were cleared in Texas in a similar way, and the Rangers lost a lot of their doubts about Lucas's credibility.

Modus Operandi

(The following is based on the statements of Lucas and Toole themselves, and the facts learned about their known crimes.)

Lucas has said he kills because he hates women. He has killed females of all ages, from 4 to 80, and most races, although he prefers whites. Sometimes he kills as a substitute for sex, and he also practices necrophilia. He sometimes rapes, but also claims he often gets sex voluntarily from victims before attacking them. He takes his victims in kidnappings, robberies, and burglaries. He finds victims hitchhiking, stranded on highways because of vehicle breakdowns, on streets, in parking lots, or in their homes.

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He kidnaps at knife or gunpoint. He prefers the knife for killing. He uses butcher knives or other kinds of knives. Sometimes he carries a knife away with him; sometimes (he says) he leaves it at the scene. He does multiple stabbings and cuts throats as well. He decapitates, dismembers, and mutilates, but not all of these in every case. He strangles, both manually and by ligature.

In burglaries, he breaks in or gains entry by means of a ruse, such as asking for water or directions. He has used Frank and Becky Powell to do this for him.

Toole, a homosexual, seems to prefer male victims when operating alone. He entices them into homosexual acts, then bludgeons or shoots them during the commission of the acts. He has said that he sometimes dressed in "drag" to lure victims.

When working together, Lucas and Toole would kill both men and women. They did burglaries and robberies for gain, in addition to killing people. Together they shot, bludgeoned, stabbed, slashed, strangled, eviscerated, and mutilated. They claim they have practiced cannibalism, and have "filleted people like fish."

They sometimes carried body parts from place to place. They would taunt the police by leaving parts at a scene that had already been investigated.

Both Toole and Lucas would rape female victims, then kill them. Lucas would then engage in necrophilia, and Toole would go into a jealous rage and mutilate the victim further.

Lucas gives credit to his rapid mobility in explaining why he got away with so many crimes. He would commit a murder in one place and by the time it was discovered, he might be two or three states away, doing another one. (On the other hand, he sometimes lingered to watch the investigators at a crime scene.)

He brags that he sometimes terrorized victims that he followed, by letting them know he was after them. He says he did this in some cases and then let the victim escape unharmed.

Lucas and Toole have done bizarre things such as dumping feathers on a woman's body, and piling furniture on a body. They have made knife marks on victims in patterns intended to look "ritualistic."

They have told of a demonic cult which they joined, called "Hands of the Devil." Investigators now believe that Lucas and Toole made this up themselves; that they were the only members of the "cult."

BACKGROUND

California Cases

SOLVED BY LOCAL INVESTIGATORS

Corona

Lucas picked up a female victim at a Riverside bus depot. He buried her in a wooded area near a freeway in Corona. He bundled up her clothing and dumped it off at another point near the freeway. He went back to the gravesite and placed a rose on the grave. Detective Dale Stewart of Corona Police Department interviewed Lucas. Lucas gave sufficient details about the crime to convince the officer that he had done it, even to the flower on the grave.

Davis

A woman was killed in her home. Detective Mark Safarik interviewed Lucas. The subject was able to describe minute details of the crime scene.

Baker

Two persons were killed at this Mojave Desert location. Lucas provided details about the crime site and circumstances which correspond to known facts. (Added: At the scene, Lucas was unclear about one of these cases. The other remains cleared.)

Sacramento

Lt. Ray Biondi, Sacramento Sheriff's Homicide Detail, obtained Toole's confession to the murder of a male in a white van. Toole set fire to the van with the victim's body in it.

San Diego Child Molest Case

Lucas admitted the molesting of three young children, a boy and two girls, in a San Diego residence. His admissions fit with the facts of a reported case. These children were not killed.

Bakersfield

Local officers spoke with Lucas after learning about him through the DOJ Homicide Unit. Lucas described one crime scene precisely as to road directions. A body had been found in the place he described. In another case, a woman was abducted from her car in a hotel parking lot and killed in a field nearby. Lucas was shown a picture of the victim's parked car, and said he had parked a pickup truck in the space next to hers, where he kidnapped the woman at gunpoint. He said he killed her in a field where there was an oil tank. There was a tank of some kind near the murder scene.

BACKGROUND

SUSPECTS IDENTIFIED BY DOJ HOMICIDE UNIT

Eureka

Early in his custody in Texas, Lucas told Ranger Ryan he had killed a woman on a beach at Eureka. He said there was a foundation of an old boathouse nearby. (Later he told another interviewer that one of his murders was on a Northern California beach at a fishing resort where there was lumber on the beach.) There was a body found in the setting that Lucas describes.

Imperial County

Lucas said he dumped a victim alongside Highway 98, near where it converges with Interstate 8, in the vicinity of Calexico. An unidentified female body had, in fact, been found there.

San Miguel

Lucas told a Texas officer that he was familiar with Paso Robles, California. He said that while in that vicinity he had participated in a "child molest" of two little girls in an alley near a movie theater. (It sounded as if there was someone else with him.) A search by the Homicide Unit produced a case in San Miguel where two little girls, ages 4 and 5, were kidnapped from outside a grocery market. Their bodies were later found under a bridge at Camp Roberts, a few miles north of San Miguel. One victim was beaten severely about the face. Both were strangled. There was a pattern of knife cuts on one of the victims.

Lt. Biondi (Sacramento Sheriff's Office) volunteered to conduct a second interview of Lucas, in Texas, concerning any California cases. The Homicide Unit asked him to ask Lucas about the Paso Robles area that he had mentioned earlier. Lucas then told Lt. Biondi that he had been involved in "child molests" of three little girls while in that vicinity. He said there was a church near one of the scenes.

There is an alley behind the market where the girls were last seen. Around the corner from the market is a church. Down the alley from the market is the back of an old movie theater.

Recently, Detective Larry HORSON, San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office, went to Texas to interview Lucas. Lucas described the manner in which the victims were killed and mutilated, including the "ritualistic" knife marks. He then said, "I did not kill those girls." (Lucas seems to have a "hang-up" about admitting to the killing of very young children, although he seems to have less compunction about "child molesting." He also described these victims as older than they were.)

On August 8, 1984, Lucas telephoned Detective Hobson and stated that he and Toole had indeed killed the San Miguel victims.

(If there is a third child molest victim in San Luis Obispo County, the crime has not been reported, that we know of.)

BACKGROUND

POSSIBLES (BODIES FOUND)

San Diego County

Lucas says he left several bodies along Interstate 8 in San Diego County, and on other roads off of I-8. Several bodies have turned up in that region. Some of them would have to be Lucas's cases. He describes one site as being between two steep mountains. This could apply to a number of locales near I-8. At another spot, he says there were billboards near the scene. There is such a condition where one of the bodies was found.

Torrey Pines, San Diego

There was a murder here on a beach with a cliff. Lucas said he killed a girl on a beach with a cliff, although his details do not otherwise match this case. (Added: Lucas denied this case at scene.)

Riverside and San Bernardino Counties

Lucas says he killed people or dumped bodies at a number of places, along or near designated freeways, and in the Mojave Desert, in these counties. His descriptions are not precise enough to match conclusively with known crime scenes, but he will probably be able to identify some of these scenes in person.

Long Beach

Lucas says he did about ten "bathroom murders" near Los Angeles. When asked what this meant, he said that in the course of burglaries, when he found a woman in a bathroom he would kill her there. Long Beach has such a case, with a pattern of knife cuts on the victim's body.

Lucas and Toole have related that they sometimes shot people from car to car. Lucas also says he killed nurses in the Los Angeles area. There was a Korean nurse shot in her car along a freeway in Long Beach. (Added: Denied both cases.)

Wilmington Area

Toole once stayed on a boat in a marina at Wilmington. He worked for a man named "Hank" who builds yachts. Hank McCune has identified Toole and says that Lucas also worked for him, but at a different time. Toole says he killed males while there, but not at the marina. He says Lucas stayed in Long Beach, and would pick him up with a car. Lucas denies this. There was a derelict beaten to death or shot behind a homosexual bar in the area. Toole may have done this (but it could be without Lucas's knowledge). (Added: Lucas denies any knowledge of this area.)

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Franklin Canyon, West Los Angeles

Two bodies were found, at different times, in Franklin Canyon. There is a lake there. It is in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, not far from Beverly Hills and Los Angeles. Lucas told LAPD Homicide Detectives St. John and Mellecker that he did a murder in the Los Angeles area where there was a mountain lake. They had no such case in the city of Los Angeles.

Santa Monica

Lucas speaks often of "Muscle Beach." There was once a "Muscle Beach" sign on Highway 1 near Santa Monica. Part of the beach is in the county area (West Los Angeles). There was an unsolved female homicide there. (There could have been others in which the bodies were carried out to sea.)

Port Hueneme

This is on Highway 1 in Ventura County, upcoast from Los Angeles. Lucas told of a burglary-murder in a house a few blocks off of Highway 1 in a town whose name he didn't remember. This (together with Oxnard) is the first place where Highway 1 runs through city streets upcoast from Santa Monica. A woman was murdered in her home on a residential street in Port Hueneme, not far from Highway 1.

San Luis Obispo County

Suspect claims several cases besides the San Miguel case. Four to five unsolved crimes in that county could be his. In one of them, the male victim was run over and killed with his own car. The vehicle was abandoned in one of the far south counties (San Diego or Riverside) on a route where Lucas was known to have been. Lucas and Toole have admitted killing people with cars.

Pacifica

Lucas speaks vaguely about the San Francisco Bay Area, but remembers Pacifica by name. They have an unsolved homicide which could be his. (Added: Lucas did not clear any of the above cases.)

Sacramento

Lucas often confuses victim, killing method, and the locale of one crime with another. He describes a 16-year-old blonde with wavy hair who left a foster home. He says he picked her up near Los Angeles and killed her on a beach with a cliff. He says he cut her hands off. No victim with hands cut off has been found on a beach with a cliff. However, a 16-year-old blonde girl with wavy hair did leave a foster home in Seaside (Monterey County), and was hitchhiking. Her body was found off Grantline Road south of Sacramento. (Added: Lucas was asked about this case, but did not reveal any knowledge of a key item of information that was not revealed to him. The victim had decorations painted on her face by a friend just before her death. The killer would have noticed this.)

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Red Bluff

Lucas has confessed to the killing of a 14-year-old Red Bluff girl. However, the corroboration is not conclusive.

Siskiyou County

Lucas says he committed a murder near Interstate 5 close to the Oregon border. A female hitchhiker was tied to a tree and killed in Siskiyou County, near a road off of I-5. (Added: Lucas stated that the only case in which he tied a victim to a tree was when Toole and he used the victim for target practice. They put 200-300 rounds into the body. This does not appear to be the Siskiyou County case.)

BODIES NOT FOUND

San Jacinto

Lucas describes a burial site on a river bank or in the riverbed near an "iron bridge" at the end of a street. There is a truss bridge at San Jacinto. Both the bank and the riverbed are of soft sand. A body could be buried anywhere there, or could have been washed downstream in a flood.

San Luis Obispo County

Lucas told Detective Hobson about two more cases he claims in that county, in which no corpses have turned up.

UNKNOWN CASES

Lucas speaks vaguely of crimes in or near the vicinities of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Fresno, Stockton, and Sacramento. Whether or not he can be more specific about these during his visit remains to be seen.

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Observations Regarding Interviews of Henry Lee Lucas

(Added: Written before the Lucas tour.)

While I have not personally spoken with Henry Lee Lucas as of this date, I have conferred with several officers who have interviewed him at length, and attended meetings where the interviews were discussed. In addition, I have read transcripts of Lucas interviews, listened to tapes, and viewed a videotaped interview that was televised to the public. I have also analyzed a quantity of material in an effort to correlate Lucas's admissions with known crimes.

From all this, I have formed some observations about Henry Lucas's style of confessing and how he presents his thoughts. They are as follows:

Veracity

Lucas does not like to be doubted. He claims he is being 100 percent sincere and forthright in his confessions. His declared motive is to clear his conscience. He wants to clear all the cases he can and take no credit for cases not his. Questioning his veracity "turns him off," and has caused him to become uncooperative for days or weeks at a time.

Errors

Allowances have to be made for errors. Lucas has a remarkable memory for the details of hundreds of crimes. He does tend to confuse some of the details, especially dates and places. He also tends to confuse the details of one crime with another. For example, he will describe a victim accurately as to physical characteristics and clothing, and be accurate as to where he killed this victim, but might say she was stabbed, when in fact she was strangled. He will place the same crime scene details at two or more different locations, such as in the waterbed case. (There was a stabbing in a waterbed, wherein the mattress was punctured. I believe one of these cases was verified, but Lucas has placed that circumstance at another location.) In burglaries, he often says he stole items that were in fact taken in some other burglary.

Lucas said that near Los Angeles he killed a blonde wavy-haired girl about 16 years old, who had left a foster home. He said this was on a beach with a cliff, and that he cut off the girl's hands. No such case has been discovered. There have been murders on beaches with cliffs, but none with hands cut off, so far as is known. There are unsolved homicides with hands cut off in areas other than beaches. There was a 16-year-old blonde with wavy hair who left a foster home in Seaside. Her body was dumped in Sacramento County. I am of the opinion that this is one of Lucas's cases, and that he confused this victim with one or two others as to the location and kind of mutilation. (Added: Lucas was interviewed about the Sacramento case and did not provide a key item of information which would have been known by the perpetrator.)

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Dates

Lucas's dates do not seem to be reliable at all. We are still working on a chronology of his confirmed travels. This, together with dates of known crimes, can be expected to be a better guide to dates than those given initially by Lucas.

Corroboration

We have learned from Texas that Lucas provides the best corroboration for his confessions when he physically points out the scenes of his crimes, directing investigators to the scenes, and recalling details of the crimes as his memory is refreshed by what he sees there. We hope he will do this for us during his California tour.

"Hang-ups"

There are some things which seem to bother Henry Lucas and which he doesn't like to admit to. He isn't trying to deceive, but will conceal or make misleading statements about these "hang-ups" in one context, while making admissions related to them in another.

For example, early in his custody in Texas, he admitted to the murder and dismemberment of his juvenile mistress, Becky. When arraigned for that crime, he entered a not guilty plea and, as I understood from a newspaper account, even denied the killing at one point. Apparently, this was a crime that Lucas regretted. He wasn't really denying the facts, but rather expressing a wish that this hadn't happened, or at least been done by him. (Incidentally, he likes to report his crimes impersonally, in the third person, subjunctive mood, passive voice, e.g., "This girl would have been stabbed...", instead of, "I stabbed her.")

When Lucas first began recounting his crimes to Texas Ranger Phil Ryan, he said he hadn't killed men, only women, and hadn't used guns except in one or two cases in Texas only. (He first wrote Texas and Oklahoma, then struck out Oklahoma.) That was probably before he had implicated Ottis Toole. Ottis, a homosexual, liked to kill males and preferred shooting (or bludgeoning) to stabbing and cutting. Lucas's weapon of choice is the knife. Lucas has admitted to homosexual acts with Toole, but does not consider himself a homosexual. Perhaps he was denying homosexuality by not mentioning Ottis, and in so doing, omitted those crimes in which he and Ottis together were involved.

Lucas seems to have another scruple about killing very young children, although he displays no compunctions about raping them. In general terms, he has flatly denied killing any very young children.

In San Luis Obispo County, he said he did a "child molest" of two little girls. He described the scene where this was done, in three separate interviews with different persons. In each interview, he gave different details, all of which fit the scene of the actual crime. He described the

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victims as older than they really were. (They were 4 and 5; he said they were something like 9 to 11.) He described the place where the bodies were found, and the method of killing. Both girls were strangled; one was also beaten severely about the face. Lucas said that "if" the girls had been killed, "one would have been" beaten severely about the face. Then he said, "I did not kill those girls."

Possibly Toole did the killing in that case, and Lucas did not approve of it. Or perhaps he is expressing his disapproval of his own acts in that specific type of crime, and the disapproval takes the form of denial. (Added: See CASES CLEARED for updated details.)

I hope these observations will be helpful to investigators who are considering Henry Lucas as a suspect, or interviewing him for any reason.

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(Added: It was observed during Lucas's tour of California that he may be suggestible. Caution should be taken not to provide details, ask leading questions, or show him crime scene photos before he personally has identified a scene or a victim. Lucas prefers it that way.)

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